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Miller plan: work part time

Valle critical of proposal

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

If elected city treasurer, Jim Miller says he will make the position a part-time, advisory post and return a large portion of his salary to the city. But his opponent, incumbent Gail Valle, says the position is a full-time job.

Miller, 46, a two-term alderman who decided not to seek re-election in 1995, is challenging Valle, two-term Granite City Treasurer, in the April 1 election.

Miller said he intends to make the treasurer position an advisory post. "Businesses and homeowners are having to do more with less. I believe I can deliver that," Miller said. "A substantial amount of work previously assigned to the city treasurer has been reassigned to the comptroller and assistant comptroller over the last 10 years."

"In our county, a full-time treasurer



Miller



Valle

is something of a dinosaur these days. I can guarantee that the city will be no worse off with me as an advisory or part-time treasurer than it is now with a full-time treasurer getting a full-time salary."

"In fact, it would be better off because I'll return a substantial part of the salary."

Valle said the responsibilities of the position require a full-time treasurer. "Just because I'm not sitting behind

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(Staff photo by BC. "LATE")

Croatian Ambassador to the U.S. Miomir Zuzul, left, and Minister Counselor Andrija Jakovcovic, right, visited the Granite City home of Branko Ostrec, center, on Jan. 25.

Local man aids Croatians

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Branko Ostrec has fed thousands of Tri-City area residents at his Madison restaurant famous for its fish sandwiches and Branko burgers.

But Ostrec is responsible for feeding tens of thousands more through his efforts on behalf of the American Croatian Relief Project — a St. Louis-based not-for-profit

group that has provided more than \$6 million in humanitarian aid to war victims in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"We do what we can to help the needy," said Ostrec, who still has a brother and other relatives living near the capital city of Zagreb.

In addition to food, dental and educational supplies, the ACRP has sent a variety of hospital equipment, including electrical

generators, hospital beds, stretchers, operating tables, x-ray and EKG units, digital IV monitors, artificial eyes, surgical instruments, medication and six fully-equipped ambulances.

Last Saturday, Jan. 25, Ostrec hosted a reception for Croatian Ambassador to the U.S. Miomir Zuzul and Minister Counselor Andrija Jakovcovic. Among those attending were U.S. Rep. Jerry

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Water rate hike sought

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Metro East residents will see a 13 percent increase in their monthly water bill if the Illinois Commerce Commission approves a rate increase sought by Illinois-American Water Co.

Illinois-American filed tariffs Friday with the ICC that would change rates for water service in all five of its operating districts, including the Southern

Division

The Southern Division includes the Alton, Cairo and Interurban districts. The Interurban District includes Granite City, Belleville, East St. Louis and surrounding communities.

The company last filed for a rate increase in January 1996. The current rates have been in effect since January 1996.

If the proposed changes are

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Ignorance called biggest health problem

The country's former top doctor wants a bigger dose of education to help cure the nation's ills.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the former surgeon general fired by President Clinton in 1994 for her outspoken views, said the country's greatest health problem is ignorance.

"We don't educate people on how to be healthy," she told a sellout crowd at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville who stood and applauded Thursday evening before she began speaking. The program was part of the university's Arts and Issues series.

"You can't educate people if they are not healthy, and you can't keep them healthy if they're not educated," said Elders, a sharecropper's daughter who became a pediatric endocrinologist and director of Arkansas's health department under then-Gov. Clinton.

Elders said she was fired by Clinton as the nation's top doctor after responding to a question about whether masturbation could reduce the spread of AIDS. She advocated the activity as a safe alternative to sex.

"We need to stop the ignorance," she said, drawing a laugh by adding that 90 percent of men and 80 percent of women masturbate and the rest lie.

Elders, who was dubbed the "condom queen" for touting their use through schools, said she would gladly wear the crown if condoms were used to prevent the spread of sexually

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Dial delays decision

Madison County officials said they still haven't heard whether a major corporation will move to Madison County. County Board chairman Rudy Papa, who has not identified the corporation, said Wednesday that developers representing it have "backed off" for now. The company was expected to have made a decision last week.

On Jan. 15, the County Board authorized a five-year tax abatement on a 69-acre parcel of property at the intersection of Old Poag Road and Illinois Route 111, just north of Pontoon Beach. According to the resolution authorizing the abatement, the corporation is

considering construction of a 1 million-square-foot distribution warehouse at the site that could employ up to 400 workers.

A similar abatement was authorized by the Granite City School District.

The county has identified the corporation, but sources said it was the Dial Corp. of Scottsdale, Ariz.

A Dial spokeswoman said the company has considered several sites for a new warehouse throughout the country but does not plan on making an announcement in the near future.

— From The Telegraph

Bridge open today

For probably the first time in nearly 30 years, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge will be put to legal use today.

Through the efforts of Gateway Trailnet, a not-for-profit group that is leasing the bridge for development as a pedestrian bridge, the span will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today for bird watchers to view bald eagles along the Mississippi River.

Those interested in attending the event should meet at the west entrance to the bridge, located on Riverview Boulevard just south of Interstate 270 in north St. Louis.

Gateway plans to spend more than \$800,000 to renovate the bridge.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Honored — The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and Roosevelt Bank presented the Granite City Police Department and two of its officers with award plaques thanking them for their quick action in apprehending a suspect in the robbery of the bank's Delmar Avenue branch Dec. 2. The man was arrested, allegedly with the money and the gun he used in the hold-up. Pictured are Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen, receiving the award for the department; Walter Milton of the chamber; officer John Apperson, who first spotted the suspect; Lori Saucier of Roosevelt Bank; officer Ken Crawford, the officer who made the arrest; and chamber Executive Vice President KC Bush.

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John Fuller, Meteorologist KSDK-NewsChannel 5

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Graduates — Granite City School District Superintendent Steve Balen, Mayor Ron Selph, Chief of Police Dave Ruebhausen, DARE Officer Phil Popmarkoff and DARE Program President Dr. John Vasiloff, back row left to right, attended DARE graduation, which was held last Tuesday in the Granite City High School Auditorium, and presented essay winners with their medals. The winners were Laura Owca from Worthen School, Ashley Spohr from Maryville, Rodney Johnson from Prather, Patrick McGeehee from Frohardt, Sarah Whitecotton from Holy Family and Katie Hatscher from St. Elizabeth.

EPA may reclassify area's air quality status

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

The Environmental Protection Agency could bump the air quality in the St. Louis metropolitan area to a serious status by as early as this summer.

Michael Couslin, manager of environmental planning for the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, said the entire metropolitan area has failed to meet the EPA's national ambient air quality standard for ground level ozone.

The Clean Air Acts of 1990 required moderate ozone nonattainment areas — like the metropolitan area — to meet the air quality standards by 1996.

The EPA is now proposing to reduce the national ozone level of .12 parts per million to .08 parts per million by June 28.

Couslin said if the current

standards are kept, the EPA will bump the St. Louis air quality to a serious status.

But if the air quality standards are changed, the EPA will reclassify the area.

The EPA currently uses five classifications to gauge air quality ranging from marginal to extreme. Serious is the EPA's third worst extreme category.

"There are only about a half dozen cities in the United States, including Atlanta and Boston, that have serious air quality problems," Couslin said.

Ozone occurs naturally in the stratosphere to provide a protective layer high above the earth. But at ground level, ozone is the prime ingredient of smog.

In the metropolitan area, the ozone level is .04 parts per million, Couslin said.

The EPA is also seeking public input on possibly changing the ozone level to .07 parts per million and .09 parts per million.

Couslin said he believes the EPA recommendation will be possible to achieve, but could be difficult to attain.

Terry Sweitzer, manager of air monitoring for the EPA,

agrees. He said the air quality in Madison County is now running only slightly above the EPA's proposed requirements.

"This is basically being influenced by mobile traffic," he said.

The EPA also projects that St. Clair and Madison counties will not be able to meet its new particulate matter requirements. Particulate matter originates from a variety of sources, including diesel trucks, power plants, wood stoves and industrial plants.

Couslin pointed out that if the region's air quality does not improve:

Additional controls could be required for diesel and gasoline cars and trucks.

Limits could be placed on fireplaces and wood burning stoves.

Additional industrial controls could be imposed.

"It may also be difficult for an industry to locate or expand in the area," he added.

Baby-sitting clinic

St. Elizabeth Medical Center will be conducting a baby-sitting clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the Milenski Room at SEMC.

Pre-registration is required; enrollment is limited to 30 participants. The fee of \$15 covers handouts, sodas and dessert.

To register or obtain more information, call the Organization Training and Development Department at 798-3201.

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Obituaries

Peggy Brown

Peggy L. (Ballentine) Brown, 64, of Madison, formerly of Venice, died at 3:56 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1997, at Granite City. She was born July 9, 1932, in East St. Louis.

Mrs. Brown was employed as a waitress at Curly's Diner in Venice for nine years. She was a member Temple Baptist Church in Madison.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Craig of Madison and Gary Craig of Pontoon Beach; three daughters, Linda Cadell of Caseyville and Pam Craig and "Bubba" Bertha Long of Caseyville; one brother, Jacob Ballentine of Arlington Heights; two sisters, Dorothy Sherfy of Venice and Evelyn Kneisel of St. Louis; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James P. Brown, whom she married Dec. 24, 1951; her parents, John James and Gertha Elizabeth (Mooney) Ballentine; three brothers, Frederick, John James and Harold W. Baughman Sr.; and one sister, Marie Dunnivant.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel with the Rev. Paul E. Epps officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Garden of Memory Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to

the Animal Protection Association in Granite City.

Gertrude Brown

Gertrude A. (Sampson) Brown, 41, of Granite City died at 9:03 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, at Oliver Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born Sept. 20, 1955, in Blackwell, Mo.

Mrs. Brown, a homemaker, was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and St. Pius Early Birds Bowling League. She was active in bowling and fishing.

Survivors include her husband, John Brown, whom she married Oct. 6, 1975; one son, John Patrick Brown of Granite City; one daughter, Cecilia Brown of Potosi, Mo.; one brother, Jerry Sampson of St. Louis; and two sisters, Sylvia Farline of Potosi, Mo., and Theresa Camden of Union, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert C. "Blah" and Dorothy Coleman Sampson; and one sister, Mary Moreland.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today, Sunday, at Britton Funeral Home in Potosi, Mo. Services will be held Monday, Feb. 3, at the funeral home in Potosi. Burial will be in St. Stephens Cemetery in Richmond, Mo.

Local arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel of Granite City.

Juanita Smith

Juanita Smith, 67, of Waxahachie, Texas, formerly of Granite City, died at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, at her residence. She was born April 21, 1929, in Hayti, Mo.

Mrs. Smith retired from Continental Can Co. in St. Louis and was a member of First Assem-

bly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clifton J. Smith; one son, Ricky Smith of Granite City; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Minnie (Devine) Thompson. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 2, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Services will begin at 2 p.m. today with the Rev. Roy Boyer officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Virgil Wall

Virgil Phillip Wall Sr., 83, of Madison died at 7:55 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, at his residence following a one-year illness. He was born March 2, 1913, in Doniphan, Mo.

Mr. Wall was a maintenance employee of Teamsters Local No. 688; and member and secretary of Church of God Prophecy, 1732 Rhodes, Madison.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmie Wall of Fredericktown, Mo. and Virgil Wall of Madison; three daughters, Janie Cowin of Alhambra, Josephine Smith of Pontoon Beach and Phyllis Holtman of Madison; two brothers, Herbert D. Wall of Sharps Chapel, Tenn., and Joe Wall of Watkinson, Maine; three sisters, Verna Smith of Doniphan, Mo., Emma Sykes of Huntsville, Ala., and Vada Stockdale of Doniphan, Mo.; 23 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by

his wife, Nica V. (Glass) Wall, whom he married Jan. 12, 1936, in Fremont, Mo., and who died Dec. 5, 1990; his parents, Ira D. and Mary J. (Phillips) Wall; three sisters and one brother.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel with the Revs. Eugene Hooker and Everett Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Billy Love

Billy G. Love, 52, of Granite City died at 6:58 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997, at John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Dec. 3, 1944, in Granite City.

Mr. Love, a Vietnam Army veteran, was a former vending machine operator. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #83, and of the Shrine and Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Southern Illinois.

Survivors include his wife, Donna (Smith) Love, whom he married March 22, 1969; his mother, Mattie (Fowler) Love of Granite City; one daughter, Erin Love of Granite City; two brothers, Lacy Milton and Dale Love, both of Granite City; and three sisters, Shirley Smith of Granite City and Helen Graham of Bunker Hill, Va.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Love.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 1, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

GRANITE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4

NOTICE: Downtown Committee meeting 5:30 p.m. Feb. 4
NOTICE: Planning and Zoning Committee meeting 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4
NOTICE: Cable Television Committee meeting 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5
NOTICE: Insurance and Safety Committee meeting 4 p.m. Feb. 7

Township Meeting

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Minutes
- 5) Communications
- 6) Committee reports:

Finance — Walter Milton
a) Bills payable from Town Fund
b) Bills payable from General Assistance

City Council Meeting

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Communications
 - a) Application to address the council ref. telecommunications tower: Thomas Stork (Kevin Vick)
 - b) Application to address the council ref. telecommunications tower: Gary Crabtree
 - c) Request for permission for a roadblock.
- 4) Remarks by Mayor
- 5) Committee reports

Downtown Rehabilitation — Brian Fuzessery

- a) Board of Appeals agenda for 2/12
- b) Planning and Zoning Committee meeting (continued) Feb. 13

Ordinance — Casmer Skubish

- a) Ordinance amending Ord. 3818 (zoning ordinance)
- b) Ordinance restricting parking to 15 minutes on Niedringhaus Avenue
- c) Ordinance designating traffic stop on Forest Avenue
- d) Ordinance amending municipal code to add a snow route
- e) Resolution: annexing land on Snowbird Lane
- f) Resolution: ref. street lighting at 2808 Rear West 22nd Street and on Myrtle Avenue
- g) Resolution: IDOT obligation retirement

Street and Alley — Walter Milton

- a) Police — Bob Shipley

Fire and Water — Lurton Pulley

- a) Wastewater Treatment Plant — Nancy Sanders

Sanitation and Inspection — Nick Petrillo

- a) Insurance and Safety — Kim Affolter

Industrial Search — Bob Page

- a) Finance — Walter Milton
- b) payroll
- c) bill list

Cable TV, Intergovernmental — Eddie Asadorian

- a) Traffic and Lights — Foster Frederick

City Hall and Buildings — Casmer Skubish

- a) Negotiations — Bob Shipley

- 6) Report of officers
- 7) Unfinished business
- 8) New business
- Adjournment

Health

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transmitted disease, such as herpes, which is incurable. She also said Americans can do more to increase their life expectancy, which is up 25 years since 1900, not by heart transplants and operations but by simple things such as putting screens on windows, getting vaccinated, eating proper diets and exercising, she said.

Elders also said the nation can defeat ignorance through schools by teaching the fourth "R" — responsibility. People can be taught to take care of their own health and can get better results than all the doctoring can, she said.

She left the audience feeling no regrets or ill feelings toward the president — she would do it all the same again — and with advice from her mother: The day you see the truth and cease to speak is the day you begin to die.

"I intend to live a long time," she said.

— From The Telegraph

Woman talked out of jump

By Marge Wilson
Staff writer

With a woman-to-woman talk on the Jefferson Barracks bridge Friday morning, a St. Louis County police officer helped keep a South County mother from jumping into the river.

Officer Lindy Robertson of the Fourth Precinct in south St. Louis County was called to the bridge about 7:30 a.m. when someone reported a "suspicious person" leaning over the rail. Robertson said she arrived at the bridge and found a woman from south St. Louis County on the catwalk with her feet dangling. Her car was parked on the bridge.

Robertson began talking to the woman but received no response. In spite of Robertson's early efforts, the woman took off her coat after about a half-hour and moved closer to the edge of the two-foot catwalk. Robertson said she continued to talk to the woman, as did her husband, Mike Boehm, St. Louis County Police Department chaplain.

"I talked to her about her children and said I was concerned for her and didn't want her to jump," Robertson said. "Eventually we convinced her to stand up and come back to safety." Robertson said she had found the telephone number of the woman's doctor in her purse in her car and called him on a portable telephone. Following the call, Robertson said the woman told her doctor would be at the hospital and would take care of her.

"That's when she stood up. We talked her through standing and reached out and grabbed her and, several other officers and I pulled her off the bridge," Robertson said.

An ambulance took the woman to St. Anthony's Hospital.

•Miller

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this desk all the time doesn't mean I'm not working," Valle said. "The fact is that everybody in this building (City Hall) is already overworked and nobody can take on additional responsibilities. If you make it part-time, somebody is still going to have to do the work."

"If he's a part-time treasurer, who is going to be here to answer to the taxpayers?" Valle asked.

Miller said he planned to return about half of the treasurer's salary back to the city.

The City Council recently approved a raise for the position, bringing the annual salary to \$40,000 as of May 1.

When first elected alderman in 1987, Miller was a proponent of eliminating the office. Six years later, a professional management review of the city's operations conducted by an outside auditor, the Maryville Study, recommended eliminating the position.

State law, however, requires cities to have a treasurer. "But, as far as I know, it does not require them to be full-time," Miller said.

Valle said she has responsibilities that Miller may not realize, such as administration of police and fire pension funds.

"I handle all the investments and prepare the annual statements. Who is going to do that?" Valle asked.

Although Miller said the treasurer's responsibilities can be covered on a part-time basis, he also said it is important that the office remain accessible to the public.

"I intend to be open so that mom and dad who both work will be able to come down and make payments. There will be more accessible hours. But I can't specify exactly when until I review the labor contract (covering treasurer's office employees)," Miller

said. "I believe there is a very qualified staff right now."

Valle said she feels her office is accessible.

"We are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and we have a drop-in service. If I had people complaining, I would accommodate them. But people haven't complained."

Miller said it was "uncomprehensible" to him that a retiring employee in the treasurer's office was recently replaced with a new employee, especially in light of the fact that the treasurer no longer collects property taxes or trash bills.

"I have no specific agenda to lay off or eliminate jobs," Miller said. "But I do believe that, if we have the ability to reduce by attrition or reassign people to more meaningful jobs, it should be done. I suspect there are some other department heads in the city that could use some additional personnel."

Valle said that two full-time positions have been cut from her office since she was appointed treasurer in 1991. "Just because a rocket scientist doing the garbage billing doesn't mean we have nothing to do,"

Valle said.

She also said the treasurer is needed to oversee the city controller's office. "We're each other's check and balance," she said.

Miller said his proposal to make the position part-time could ruffle some feathers.

"Change can make enemies. But it doesn't mean we have to change things. We reinvent and find new ways to do things better rather than continuing to do things the way they've always been done just because that's the way we always been done," Miller said.

"If circumstances were such in the treasurer's office that the amount of work was growing, I would admit it would be difficult to accept. But that isn't the case. We just can't continue to do things the way they're being done and be efficient."

Valle said there is not much thought involved in investing the city's finances and there isn't much that can be changed.

"City investments are regulated by state statute. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what we can invest in," she said. "It's all government securities."

Valle was appointed treasurer

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Women's Club to present concert Feb. 9

Those who love great gospel, jazz or easy listening music can enjoy a special treat next Sunday and at the same time help promote the education of area youth.

The Madison Progressive Women's Club will present a special concert at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Venice Township Hall, 910 Madison Ave., in Madison.

Mae Wheeler and Doris Fiddmont Frazier, billed as "Two Lovely Divas," will perform a variety of music at the concert. The women will be accompanied by the dynamic "Jimmy Jones." The Fiddmont Singers will also perform.

A Memphis native reared in St. Louis, Wheeler has been performing for more than 42 years. She has appeared with Pearl Bailey, Count Basie, Sonny Sitt, Mitch Miller and Arthur Prysock, among others.

Dor's Fiddmont Frazier and the Fiddmont Singers have been performing together since childhood. They have traveled extensively and recorded four albums. They have performed on radio and television, at many Black History Celebrations, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the James Cleveland Caravan, the Gospel Music Workshop and at many other festivals and locations.

Frazier and Wheeler recently performed together at the African American Unity Festival.

Tickets are \$10 and benefit the club's scholarship fund. To obtain tickets, call any club member or call Sarah B. Collins at 452-8210 or Cynthia Crawford at 451-7439.

The Madison Progressive Women's Club is more than 76 years old. The club's motto is, "Lifting As We Climb."



Mae Wheeler

Watch meeting set for Feb. 10

There will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Venice Township Hall. All residents are invited. For questions or more information, contact Alderman Alex Lux at 451-1924.

Happy 13th Tiffany Barunica



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Criminals paid back \$11 million

Agencies aiding victims get money

Agencies that help crime victims may soon be getting a financial boost, courtesy of the criminals.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois announced Tuesday that the office has recovered more than \$11 million in criminal fines and restitution and civil debts. The majority of the money was returned to communities throughout the district to help fund agencies that help victims of crime.

"It was a very good year," U.S. Attorney Charles Grace said. "There have been some big settlements against some very large corporations, and that really gave the fund a boost."

Grace said more than \$9.4 million was collected on criminal debts, and the remainder

\$2.4 million was collected on civil debts.

The Financial Litigation Unit of the office collected the money during the 1996 fiscal year, which ended in September.

Grace said a large portion of the money is used to fund shelters for battered women, including shelters in East St. Louis and Carbondale.

The cost to collect debts in U.S. attorney's offices is measured by the dollars spent for the dollars collected. For every dollar the office expended on collection efforts, \$51.13 was collected.

The money collected in the Southern District amounted to more than three times the cost of the office's annual operating budget.

— From The Telegraph

Flag Day planning under way

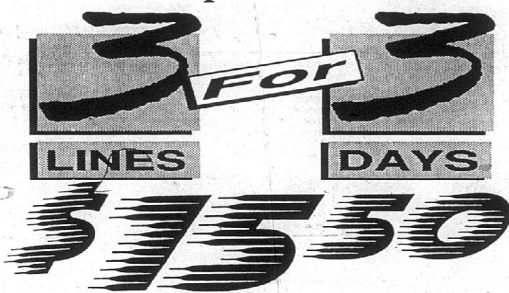
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The Granite City Flag Day committee is getting ready to plan the 7th annual Flag Day parade to be held June 14. It will be the biggest and best yet.

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For more information contact Mary E. Scarsdale at 451-9626.

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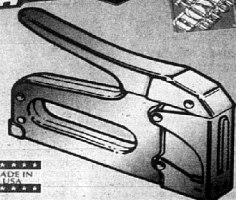
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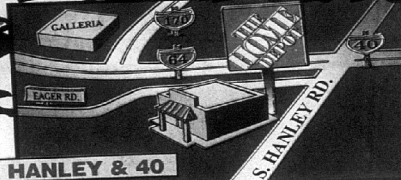
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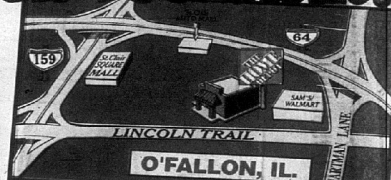


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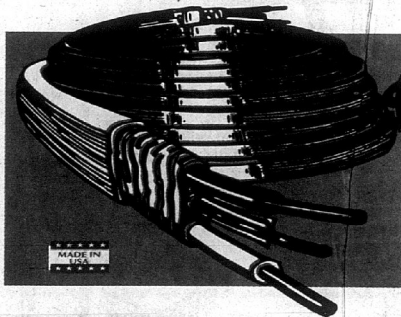


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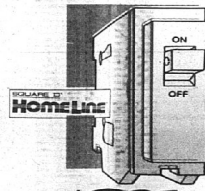
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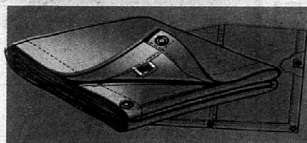
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Firm acquires assets of ophthalmology practice

NovaMed Eyecare Management, LLC, a physician practice management company (PPMC) specializing in ophthalmology and other eye-care-related services, recently announced that it has acquired the assets of its second ophthalmology practice in the St. Louis market, Illinois Eye Specialists Ltd. Under the agreement, NovaMed acquired all non-medical assets of the practice, include the Eyes of Illinois Surgery Center, S.C., and executed a long term management services agreement with the practice.

"This marks our second strategic affiliation in the St. Louis market," said Steve Winjum, president and chief executive officer of NovaMed. "We now have three offices and two outpatient surgical centers in St. Louis and are in discussions with additional ophthalmology practices in that market. We plan to become the dominant eye care PPMC in St. Louis."

The practice was founded in 1965 by Donald C. Schnellmann, M.D. Dr. Schnellmann was joined in practice by Edward A. Doisy III, M.D., in 1976, and the practice now employs three ophthalmologists, one optometrist and a staff of 35, with locations in Maryville and Granite City.

"After conducting thorough research on the eye care PPMCs, it was clear to us that NovaMed represented the best option to insure our future success," Dr. Doisy said. "Their management team has already demonstrated positive growth in other markets and they are committed to empowering both the physicians and the staff to develop a fully integrated eye care delivery system in St. Louis. We are proud to be on their team."

NovaMed is a privately held physician practice management company specializing in ophthalmology and other eye-care-related services. NovaMed provides comprehensive administration, financial, practice management and managed care services to its clients. NovaMed partners with the physician-partners to concentrate on providing quality eye care. By partnering with leading ophthalmology practices in select markets, NovaMed creates locally integrated eye care delivery systems responsive to the rapidly evolving health care marketplace.

Two joining Union Bank

Union Bank of Illinois, which began a planned, deliberate growth strategy two years ago, has recruited two high-profile, experienced and successful bankers for key positions at its independent, community bank, based in Swansea.

Dennis Bielke, currently the president of the Business/NationsBank East Region, is to become Union Bank president. Gary Schmitt, formerly loan officer at Mark Twain Bank in Belleville, has joined Union Bank as a vice president working as a loan officer at the O'Fallon office.

Bielke will assume his position on Feb. 1 according to O'Fallon, chairman of the board of Union Bank. Schmitt began at Union Bank on Jan. 13.

Bielke has been Boatman's senior person in Illinois for the last 15 years. During that time, assets for the Belleville-based Boatman's operation more than doubled and loans more than quadrupled.

Union Bank of Illinois is expanding services and facilities, according to O'Brien, and the addition of Bielke and Schmitt should help Union Bank continue its current growth. "The bank's assets now approach \$80 million, up about 20 percent in the last two years."

"Our plans at Union Bank are to become a larger, more regional, but still very much a locally focused and locally owned bank," O'Brien said.

Union Bank opened a new facility in O'Fallon in 1996 and is planning this year to replace one of two East St. Louis facilities with a new building to be located near the East St. Louis City Hall and to build a new facility in Edwardsville.

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Take advantage of retirement plan

(The following column was written by Brian Mulhall of Granite City.) This is the third of three articles on Ten Tips Toward Financial Fitness.

Tip #7...Take advantage of your employer's retirement plan and/or your IRA.

Employer-sponsored retirement plans are one of the best deals around for saving toward your retirement. Where else can you go to get: A) Payroll deduction, B) Pre-tax deposits, C) Tax-deferred growth, D) Numerous investment choices, E) and in some cases an employer match.

Chances are if your employer has a savings plan, it falls into the following types: 401(k), 403(b), Deferred Compensation, SEP, and KEOGH. If your employer matches your contributions, contribute at least enough to receive the maximum matching amount. You'll enjoy a healthy return on your money even before it's invested. If you don't take full advantage of employer matching, you're walking away from free money.

When you start planning for tax year 1997, don't overlook a tax break that just became available: the expanded ability to contribute to individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) for nonworking spouses.

Individuals and their nonworking spouse may contribute up to \$4,000 a year for 1997 to tax-deferred IRAs (up from previous limit of \$2,250). The nonworking spouse can contribute up to \$2,000.

Brian Mulhall



protection. Rather than something that can't be avoided, estate planning can help you and your family bypass a lot of problems.

Meet with a lawyer and have these basic documents drafted: Will, durable power of attorney, and a living will with health care proxy. Most people do not need a living trust unless their assets reach the \$600,000 level or higher.

However, your attorney can give the best answer for your situation.

One of the biggest differences between a will and a living trust is this...you do not need to die to activate the living trust. It can activate at disability or incapacitation.

Seek professional legal assistance on this issue. I do not encourage people to buy a software kit and make your will at home. It could easily be contested by an heir or a family member.

Tip #9...Help your children, or grandchildren, understand the value of a dollar.

The concept of relative value is the key to teaching children responsible financial management. An item's relative value is the price of that item in relative value is the price of that item in relation to what you personally have to do to pay for it.

Understanding the "real cost" of an item can make purchasing decisions clearer. Example: If your child had to mow 10 lawns to pay for a model airplane he saw on TV, he may decide he doesn't need the airplane after all. A small account into which kids can

put allowance money is a fine idea. Explain the spending process as you go to the grocery store or buy other items. The next step is an investment account that includes stock in a company with which the child is familiar, or a mutual fund that the child can track.

Tip #10...Maintain a positive outlook.

As the saying goes, attitude is everything. It certainly applies to your personal financial planning issues. If you're doing all nine things I've explained, you're doing enough. Set nice rewards in place for yourself as you accomplish specific goals, such as paying off the credit cards. Spend some money on yourself. That's right, spend money. But please, use moderation.

You do not want to be so frugal that you burn out. If you don't set rewards for yourself, you may resent saving money away for everything else while you don't seem to get any immediate benefit.

Strive for simplicity. Financial success, for most of us, requires a brain, but it is not brain surgery. When it comes to investing, less is often more. You can get along quite nicely with your savings plan at work, an IRA and a handful of mutual funds.

Any complicated technique you employ to try to stretch your rate of return — such as options, futures, and margins, for example — requires more risk, time and effort on your part to track those investments.

COCA chairman named

Dave Schwartzkopf, manager of construction for Clark Refining and Marketing, has been elected the 1997 chairman of the Board of Directors for the Council of Owners and Construction Associates Inc.

COCA Inc., located in Maryville, is a local Construction User Council serving the Metro East area of Southwestern Illinois, and is affiliated with the Business Roundtable.

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Tate promoted at Los Angeles firm

Nikki Tate, a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School, has been promoted to assistant account executive at PMK Public Relations in Los Angeles.

She earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Illinois State University in December 1995.

Tate, daughter of Eddie and Linda Tate of Pontoon Beach, has been with PMK since July 1996.



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Tiffany Baronica will celebrate her 18th birthday Feb. 3.
Todd Michael Dames will celebrate his 6th birthday Feb. 4.
Howard Dutko will celebrate his birthday Feb. 4.
Rebecca Kostecki will celebrate her birthday Feb. 4.
Helen McGarrahan will celebrate her birthday Feb. 4.
Bert Armour will celebrate her 47th birthday Feb. 5.
Reginald Clark Jr. will celebrate his 3rd birthday Feb. 5.

Samantha Anne Vandaveer will celebrate her 9th birthday Feb. 5.
Pauline Burns will celebrate her birthday Feb. 5.
Melissa Smith will celebrate her 17th birthday Feb. 5.
Jim and Lisa Green will celebrate their 4th anniversary Feb. 5.
Kathi Arnold will celebrate her 37th birthday Feb. 6.
Chris and Nikki Nash will celebrate their 9th anniversary Feb. 6.
Ellen Kay Christopher will celebrate her birthday Feb. 6.
James Leroy Turner will celebrate his birthday Feb. 6.
Megan Barnfield will celebrate her 4th birthday Feb. 6.
Edward McGovern will celebrate his birthday Feb. 6.
Jamie Nelson will celebrate

her 5th birthday Jan. 6.
Michael Smith will celebrate his 32nd birthday Feb. 7.
Summer Daugherty will celebrate her 13th birthday Feb. 7.
Larry and Fannie Redfern will celebrate their 28th anniversary Feb. 7.
Kris McGovern will celebrate her 36th birthday Feb. 7.
Ryan and Tyler Staico will celebrate their 5th birthdays Feb. 7.
Kevin Whitt will celebrate his 37th birthday Feb. 7.
Michael Turner Sr. will celebrate his 41st birthday Feb. 7.
Cathy Wise will celebrate her 42nd birthday Feb. 8.
Larry Brinker will celebrate his 56th birthday Feb. 8.
Kelli Lamb will celebrate her 9th birthday Feb. 8.

Hartford Library Board wants to double tax rate

HARTFORD — Rising costs and decreased property tax revenues are forcing the local library district to ask voters to nearly double the district's tax rate.

The Hartford Public Library District's board voted earlier this month to put a referendum on the April 1 ballot. The increase would raise the rate from 15 cents to 29 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

"The focus of this tax referendum is to maintain the library's current level of services to our community and to ensure continued growth toward providing access to the massive explosion of information available," said Evonda Copeland, library director.

"The library's assessed valuation in 1995 was comparable to the assessed valuation the library saw in 1986, which doesn't compensate for nearly 10 years of inflated book and magazine prices, increased insurance premiums and exploding costs of technology," Copeland said.

"Without an increase in library revenue, the library will be forced not only to end plans for growth, but also to make drastically painful cuts in current services to the community," she said.

Copeland said during the past four years the library district has suffered a drop of \$8 million in assessed valuations, much of that due to reassessments of the Clark Refining & Marketing complex.

Also, the district no longer receives money from a now-expired working cash fund, Copeland said.

In 1991 the district received \$89,900 from general and working cash funds; revenue in 1995 was \$54,000, she said.

If the tax hike is approved by voters, it would generate total revenue of \$104,500, Copeland said. That would allow the library to continue and expand its offerings, including: Internet access, multiple computer work

stations and instruction for local users; hiring of a high school student library page; updating notification collections; services for young adults, senior citizens and homebound deliveries; remodeling the children's room and overall expansion of other collections.

Copeland said \$20,000 has been cut from this year's operating budget, and if the tax proposal fails, library hours would be reduced and services downsized.

Possible cuts may range from limiting interlibrary loaned books, renewals, genealogy and fax services to reducing computer usage, cutting back on after-school events, children's craft hours and the summer reading program, she said.

If the increase is approved by voters, it would cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$30,000 some \$13.86 more in library taxes — an increase from \$14.85 to \$28.71 per year.

Copeland said she believes the increase is "fairly modest," costing average home owners between \$10 and \$15 per year, less than the price of a new hardcover book.

Board President Rebecca Stevens said libraries are "a critical part of any community's infrastructure. They provide essential services to people of all ages," hence the need for sufficient funding.

The new rate would be on tax bills mailed this spring or summer and allow the library to offer new materials and services beginning next January, Copeland said.

In August 1995 the library was embroiled in controversy when it took in South Roxana by a back-door annexation.

The district's board then voted to detach the village in January 1996 after South Roxana Mayor Danny Wilcox collected petitions asking for disconnection from the library district be put on a ballot.

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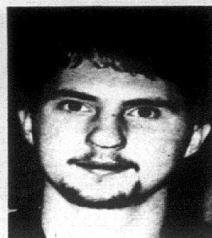
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Hunters assist the hungry

GODFREY — Area deer hunters are aiming to wipe out hunger by joining the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger. Sponsored by the state Department of Natural Resources, the program links hunters with participating meat processors who work with food pantries to share nature's bounty.

Those charitable groups then distribute the frozen venison, ground into two-pound packages of meat, to families in need.

Program coordinator Noel Laurent said it's a win-win situation. "Meat is such a rarity in food banks. They get canned food and boxes of macaroni and cheese, but with meat, (families) can make all kinds of dishes. Everybody appreciates this program."

Cindy Barton, who works at Burns Wild Game Processing at 1213 Winter Lane in Godfrey, just joined the anti-hunger campaign. She said she has high hopes for its success.

"We're compassionate people, and we love little children," said Barton, filling a plastic bag with deer meat. "If a hunter isn't going to eat it, there's no sense in letting it go to waste."

Venison is good in lots of dishes, Barton said, and one deer might contain as much as 50 to 60 pounds of meat. "It's good meat for kabobs, chili and spaghetti."

The idea for Sportsmen Against Hunger was bred in 1989 by Safari Club International. Laurent said her agency took over three years ago and that it is becoming more successful with every passing deer season.

"The first year of our involvement, we got about 4,800 pounds of meat, and the next year, in 1995, the poundage was up to 10,000 pounds," Laurent said. "The final numbers aren't in yet, but I expect this year we'll at least have that much and maybe more."

The current year's program ended Jan. 19 when bow hunting and handgun deer seasons came to an end. Only licensed meat processors — who keep track of all donations to the program, complete a form and arrange pickup of the meat — can participate.

Hunters have the option of paying for the tax-deductible butchering themselves or having the program pick up the tab, supported by donations from groups such as The National Rifle Association, Buckmasters and Whitetails Unlimited.

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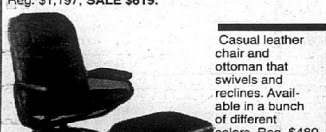
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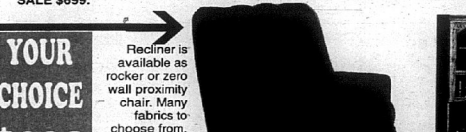
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Geographic — Nick Maas and Sarah Smothers of Wilson School sixth-grade teacher Barry Schroeder's class show off the prizes they won in the school's geography bee. Maas was runner-up and Smothers placed first in the competition. Behind them is one of the giant globe murals which flank their classroom's chalk board.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Not necessarily alone

Group helps widows

People Helping People could be the theme song for the Senior Widows Network. Members of the group, based at Senior Services Plus in Alton, reach out to help newly widowed women through the painful process of going on alone.

Network members know, first hand, how it feels because they're all widows themselves. The group will mark its 15th anniversary at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Senior Services Plus, 3512 McArthur Blvd.

"We're inviting all past, present and future members of the network," senior center spokeswoman Rosanne Robien said. "Some widows remarry, which disqualifies them for membership, but we're inviting them back because they've shared a lot of the camaraderie over the years."

The network is open to widows age 60 and over who reside in Madison County. The group began with eight widows trying to cope with their own loss.

"By word of mouth, it grew and grew and grew," said Boots Haynes of Alton, one of the original eight. Now there are about 100 members and usually between 35 and 50 attend the 1:30 p.m. meetings every Monday at the

center.

Their support is a lifesaver to women left on their own. "Having someone to talk to who understands is so important," said Mildred Koshinski of Alton, a member of the group. Dorothy Donelson of Alton added, "The companionship means a whole lot."

"Some women think they can't go through widowhood, but after they see us, they know they can," Haynes said.

The senior center provides education and information to help ease the newly widowed into solo lives.

"We have programs on recon ciling a checkbook, or what to do when the CD comes due," Robien said. "Many don't know about home and auto insurance because their husbands always did all that."

Senior group members keep busy doing volunteer work at the center, and they reach outside the center walls, too, playing bingo with nursing home residents, collecting food for the needy, and working with the Foster Grandparent program.

"Working with community projects is part of the healing process," Robien said.

Underground Railroad tours set

ALTON — Vehicles of many kinds can be seen in this city today, but it was the Underground Railroad that was the transportation of choice for many African-Americans during the mid-19th century.

The so-called railroad was a vehicle to freedom, and Alton was at the center of it. To commemorate Alton's role in the 1840s and 1850s, when thousands of slaves fled Southern slaveholders for the free states of the North before the Civil War, a series of Underground Railroad tours are planned by the Greater Alton/Twin Rivers Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Group tours will be held Feb. 15 and 16 and March 2. The guided, six-hour bus tour costs \$29.95 and includes lunch. Reservations are required.

Other dates for individual or group tours can be arranged by calling the bureau at 465-6676. Though this is only the second year for the tours, visitors bureau sales director Debbie Benjamin said they are popular.

"The Midwesterner Magazine, the Chicago Tribune and Black Traveler Magazine have contacted us," Benjamin said. "Last year we got quite a bit of media attention, so we're beginning to get more exposure."

There were no rail lines or whistle stops along the Underground Railroad, made up mostly of a series of secret hiding places and coded messages such as a quilt draped meaningfully across a clothesline to signal escaping slaves that it was safe to move on.

Alton was an important stopping-off point along the line because of its proximity to Missouri, a slave state until slavery was ended after the Civil War.

Eric Robinson, who guides cultural, historic and educational tours throughout the River Bend, said many slaves came here by way of St. Louis.

"St. Louis was a major port of entry for the middle part of the Mississippi Valley, which was all slave territories. Everything going from and to the South came to St. Louis and St. Charles County."

Illinois was a free state in the 1850s, but Robinson said some areas were more free than others.

"There were gradations of freedom," he said. "In parts of Southern Illinois, the black communities were slave communities. They worked as slaves there. It wasn't until farther north into Madison or Washington counties they became free as we think of free now."

Between Alton and Springfield, Robinson said several rural black communities popped up around Brighton, Jerseyville, Carrollton and Litchfield. "Escaping slaves went into those towns and blended in. Between Springfield and Joliet, there were several, also."

Many stops on the Underground Railroad tours spotlight these rural communities whose citizenry risked personal and financial ruin if they were caught acting as a conductor.

One site is the Dr. Thomas Brown House in Brighton, one of several in the area where lantern signals gave the go-ahead for slaves passing through. The remnants of Josiah White's log cabin in Jersey County, where fleeing blacks were hidden, is also highlighted on the tours.



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Silent auction Wednesday at GCC

Without saying a word, area residents can help those with AIDS on Wednesday at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. The event will be a silent auction sponsored by Alpha Kappa Rho, the GCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society. The auction will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 207. It is free and open to the public. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Madison County AIDS Program. More than 20 celebrities and organizations have donated items, including autographed pictures of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, discount tickets from TWA, Cardinals baseball tickets, two rooms of carpet cleaning from Stanley Steamer and two passes to the St. Louis Science Center Planetarium. For more information, call Barnes at GCC at 931-0600 ext. 654.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, jelly, banana; lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with lite dressing, garlic cheese bread, sliced peaches.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pop tarts, raisins; lunch: Baked turkey roast, bread dressing, whipped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, apple cobbler.

Friday — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast (2), fresh orange wedges; lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, mixed fruit.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Ravioli and meat sauce, cheese slices, corn, peaches.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls; lunch: Barbecue pork on bun, baked beans, dill slices, water banana pudding.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza; lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, fruit gelatin.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Baked chicken, dressing, carrots, applesauce, dinner roll.

Friday — Breakfast: Donut; lunch: Tuna salad, macaroni and cheese, peas, mixed fruit.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, raisins; lunch: Shelloni with meat sauce, spinach, pears, sliced bread.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Grits, ham, toast; lunch: Pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cin-

namon rolls; lunch: Hamburger on bun, French fries, fruit.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pizza snack, fruit cup; lunch: Beef noodles, green beans, applesauce, bread.

Friday — No School - Teachers Institute Day.

Holy Family

Monday — Hamburger on bun, sliced cheese and pickles, buttered noodles, baked beans, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, bread, apple crisp.

Wednesday — Sloppy Joe on bun, sliced cheese and pickles, potato rounds, corn, cookie.

Thursday — Pizza, lettuce

salad, crackers, peas, peanut butter candy.

Friday — Scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potato wedges, pears.

St. Elizabeth

Monday — No lunch - Half day of school.

Tuesday — Vegetable soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, banana.

Wednesday — Taco salad (meat, lettuce and cheese over nachos), mixed fruit, cookie.

Thursday — Chicken rings, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.

Friday — Fish on bun, potato wedges, slaw, applesauce.

Property sale Tuesday at Price Center

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices at the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center will conduct a sealed bid sale of excess and surplus government property on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Property will be available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 28-31 and Feb. 3. For more information, call DTRMO Scott at 452-4536.

Upcoming Health and Wellness Programs

■ "Dealing With Depression in Later Years," Tuesday, February 11, 10-11:30 a.m.—a Senior Health Focus Program sponsored by Unity Advantage. Diana Cuddeback, MSW, LCSW, will discuss ways to deal with the "blues" and how to recognize depression. To register—or learn about Unity Advantage membership for people 55 and older—call 234-2120, extension 1575.

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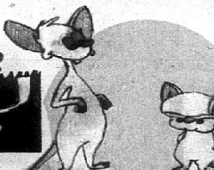
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SIUC moves more stress for Hart

The way I look at it, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Athletic Director Jim Hart must be bald by now. Who wouldn't have run their hands through their hair several hundred times if they had the January experience by Hart?

First, Salukis football coach Shawn Watson bids adieu in favor of being a quarterback coach at Northwestern University. Less than a week later Rashad Tucker, 6-foot-7 junior forward, walks away from the basketball team on the same day SIUC is recognizing the school's NIT basketball champs of 1997.

Neither is good public relations for SIUC, which since 1988 with Hart at the helm has stressed an image above the normal collegiate level. Last year, for instance, 47 percent of the school's student-athletes compiled grade point averages above 3.0.

In basketball, in particular, 83 percent of SIUC's men's players have earned degrees during the 11-year tenure of coach Rich Herrin.

Yet, the move by Watson and Tucker's walkout during a Sunday televised game against Illinois State make one wonder what's up in Carbondale.

No need to bother Hart, who graduated from SIUC in 1967.

The answers are simple. At age 57, Watson had the chance to move to an NCAA Division I position, and he took it. His salary at Carbondale was \$65,000. At Northwestern, he will earn \$80,000.

Still, there's more than the money matter. At SIUC, Watson compiled an 11-22 record for three seasons, including back-to-back 5-6 marks. Last fall, had the team improved from its early 4-1 record, Watson might well have remained.

But along the way, there was the blown 17-0 lead at Southwest Missouri State and a 26-19 homecoming defeat to Western Illinois, a team the Salukis have not beaten since 1983.

That aside, the fact remains SIUC plays on the Division I-AA level and even Watson, a Carbondale native, 1982 SIUC grad and even a former Salukis coach, could not pass up moving to Northwestern where coach Gary Barnett became nationally recognized after going 21-5 the past two seasons.

How long will Barnett remain at Northwestern, and how long will Watson be with him? Who knows? Meanwhile, Hart has hired 45-year-old Jan Quaresim, an assistant at Wake Forest who was an SIUC assistant, and his new coach can look to Feb. 5 and the football national letter of intent signing date.

Regarding Tucker, Herrin has reinstated the former Carbondale High star, who scored 20 points in his return against Indiana State. But Tucker (12.8 points, 8.6 rebounds per game) must realize he'll need discipline after his basketball days are over.

Sure, Tucker was part of a sensational prep tandem with teammate Troy Hudson at Carbondale High, where they lost to Peoria Manual in the 1994 state tournament finals, but whenever I think of Rashad, I think of Jo Jo Johnson.

After starring at Benton High, Johnson played the 1992-93 season with the Salukis. He also quit going to classes (See ART, Page 14B)

Red Devils edge past Columbia

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

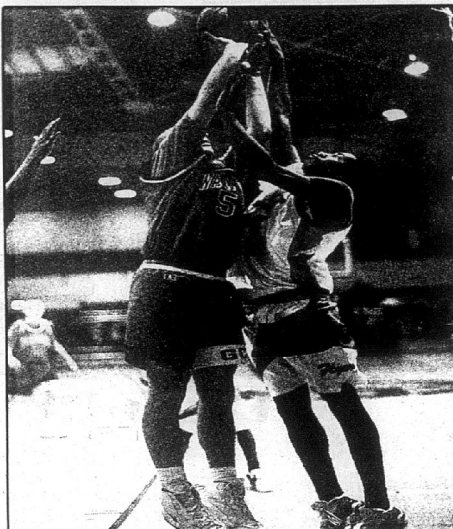
Venice's 62-60 win over visiting Columbia Friday night can be described in two words: "Wow!" and "Wow!"

The "Wow!" was the Red Devils' narrow escape despite deplorable free-throw shooting. We missed too many free throws," said coach Clinton Harris, 11 of 13 to be precise. "If we'd have lost this game, it's a miracle we're here. We would have had to blame. We're lucky to be in the game, let alone win it, shooting like we did from the line."

The "Wow!" was Venice's heart-stopping comeback. Down 35-26 at the half and 48-42 after three quarters, Venice never led after the 1:05 mark of the first quarter until LaDon Matthews nailed a 22-footer with 0:18 to play.

"That was a big shot," Harris said, "and this was a big win."

Venice (12-4) raced to an abrupt 7-0 lead before Columbia (10-5) found its bearings. With the Patton twins, Shawn and Ryan, scoring 11 points between them, the Eagles caught and passed the Red Devils before Marcus Allen climaxed his coast-to-coast dribble with an uncontested layup (See DEVILS, Page 3B)



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

GCHS junior Dustin Brewer battles inside for a shot.

Tigers' charge wears down Warriors 65-38

By Greg Shashack
Staff writer

When Edwardsville opened its season Dec. 8 at Granite City, a Warriors' wayward elbow quickly knocked out the Tigers' best player.

But Friday night, the Tigers landed the knockout without delivering a blow.

Edwardsville used a 13-2 first-half run to pull away from the Warriors and a 19-0 second-half run to bury them in the Tigers' 65-38 Southwest Conference boys basketball victory at Lucco Gym.

Edwardsville, which played Saturday at Collinsville, improved to 14-2 overall and 6-2 in the SWC. Granite City dropped to 8-8 and 3-5 in the league.

Granite City had won five of its previous six games, but the Tigers' defense cooled off the Warriors, who shot just 33 percent (16 of 48) from the field.

"They play very good defense," said Granite City coach John Van Buskirk, whose team played Saturday at Alton. "They're a much

more disciplined team than we are. Their defense caused us to get out of our offense and our defense doesn't cause them any trouble at all."

In their first meeting, Edwardsville's Jim Dougherty left the game late in the first quarter after having his front tooth knocked out. The Tigers rallied without their bloodied star in the second half to pull out a 52-44 victory. There was no such drama in the rematch.

The Tigers broke to a 3-0 lead and took a 34-21 lead at halftime. Granite City closed within nine points (43-34) with 2:19 left in the third quarter, but the Warriors had nothing left. Edwardsville countered by outscoring Granite City 15-0 over the next 7:37 to seal the victory.

"I thought us defending and pressing and being able to run the break was the key to the game," Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo said. "We really wanted to emphasize running the break because Granite City's zone is good and they've got big players in it."

(See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

Racing will drives Heuser to Cup series

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Spend a few minutes with former Granite City resident Rick Heuser, now a professional stock car driver, and you'll come away from the visit loving the sport of racing or wondering why you don't.

Heuser, a man whose love for racing is contagious, was in town last weekend for the 1997 Winston Cup date at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville. With 26 races on tap for this year alone, including a Winston Cup date, the 1977 Granite City South graduate was happy to have a few days back home with family and friends.

"Believe it or not, I wasn't even a race fan as I was growing up," Heuser said. "In fact, my father has often said that when I was small, he would take me to the stock car races in Belleville. All I did was hold my ears

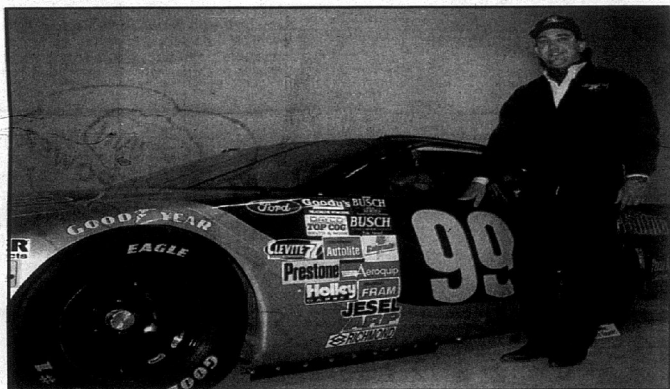
and scream bloody murder." When asked if he still did that, he responded, "Only when I'm getting passed on the track."

Heuser was a multi-sport athlete in high school. In addition to baseball, basketball, football, hockey and soccer, he also did some professional boxing.

"I loved playing sports," he said. "But a Marine Corps injury ended any dreams I had of professional athletics."

Heuser was a tanker in the Marines. One day he had to hurriedly jump from the tank. His left leg was fractured and his veins collapsed. "After that, I had to find a sport I could do sitting down," Heuser said. "All you need for stock car driving is one good foot and I have that."

In 1989, Heuser met Rusty Wallace, whose enthusiasm sold him on a career in racing. (See HEUSER, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Rick Heuser, formerly of Granite City, with his stock car at last week's Midwest Custom Auto Show in Collinsville. Heuser will race in a NASCAR Busch Series event in July at Gateway International Raceway.

Guffey centers in on scoring lead

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

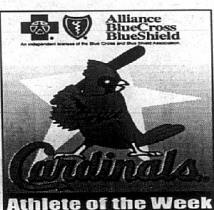
Mikal Guffey is one great player.

The first thing you notice about the Granite City hockey star is his compact athletic build. He is a 5-foot-7, 152-pound package of strength and speed.

The next thing you notice is his unmistakable passion for the game.

Guffey, this week's Illinois Journal/Steelers Club Athlete of the Week, is the leader of a Warriors team that has gone 9-2 in its first year of play in Tier I of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

The senior center and team captain has 16 assists and 23 goals on the season, including a hat trick against Hazelwood Central on Jan. 25. He leads Division C in scoring and is



Athlete of the Week

the ninth-leading scorer in Tier I. But Guffey is quick to give credit where credit is due. "I couldn't have accomplished anything I have this year or last year without my line," Guffey said. "Chris Hat-

field and Dave Miskelley make things possible. Any success I have had I owe to them."

Guffey began playing organized hockey in the third grade, when he was 8 years old. He played for the Granite City Steelers in the Park District league and still remembers his first goal.

"It was my first year," Guffey said. "I was 8 years old. I was coming down the right side of the boards at home in front of our fans. I wasn't really on the shot, so I pulled back. When I let the shot go, the puck went right between the goalie's spread legs. I still have the puck from the game. It is in my trophy case at home."

Guffey played for both the Steelers and the Warriors his freshman and sophomore years and also played baseball and (See GUFFEY, Page 14B)



Mikal Guffey (middle) faces off. Guffey is leading the Warriors in scoring with 23 goals and 16 assists on the season.

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M. Miller	19	86-100	81.4	0-1	0-0	38-64	29.4	23.4	12.3	5.7	1.6	23
J. Eklund	19	46-60	76.7	0-0	0-0	25-36	27.6	19.4	4.9	5.1	1.3	17
N. Crawford	19	138-269	51.3	6-31	19.4	33-58	54.2	23.4	17.6	5.9	6.8	24
R. Fox	19	67-159	42.1	6-25	24.0	35-58	47.2	17.9	14.4	4.9	5.1	18
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J. Amos	6	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.2	0
Totals	17	406-900	51.3	24-119	20.2	217-369	58.8	123.3	72.5	31.5	21.5	13.0

FGA includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

BELLEVILLE EAST BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (14-3)												
GP	FGA	FC%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TR	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	PF
R. Oliver	17	24-60	40.0	5-19	26.3	22-32	71.9	7.4	4.4	3.8	0.8	12
C. Cox	15	36-54	66.7	5-9	55.6	24	50.0	37	2.3	1.3	0.5	0.1
A. Taylor	13	9-20	45.0	0-0	0-0	8-14	57.1	3.6	2.0	1.3	0.2	0.1
S. Greene	10	48-121	39.7	27-73	37.1	12-25	60.0	13.6	13.6	5.9	2.1	0.0
E. Walla	11	7-15	46.7	1-1	1.0	0-0	0.0	1.5	1.4	0.5	0.0	1.3
M. Klamm	12	15-30	50.0	6-18	33.3	24	50.0	40	3.3	0.7	0.2	0.2
W. Kennedy	16	34-50	68.0	0-0	0-0	7-11	63.6	3.5	2.4	1.6	0.4	0.5
M. Todd	17	31-75	41.3	17-47	36.2	22-30	73.3	10.1	5.1	1.1	1.2	15
N. Friebie	17	35-63	55.6	0-0	0-0	9-16	56.3	7.9	4.7	2.3	0.8	0.7
J. Schuler	17	28-55	50.9	2-12	16.7	13-28	46.4	7.7	1.8	1.2	0.1	2.3
J. Hribec	17	109-218	50.0	23-64	35.9	32-42	76.2	27.1	16.1	4.5	3.1	23
C. Carter	17	11-31	35.5	0-0	0-0	1-1	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
B. Dye	17	28-55	50.9	3-8	37.5	16-22	72.7	7.4	4.4	1.0	1.7	21
Totals	17	574-1085	52.9	74-211	35.1	251-373	67.3	147.8	86.7	29.6	17.0	53.6

FGA includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

BELLEVILLE WEST BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (3-7)												
GP	FGA	FC%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TR	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	PF
B. Swift	10	45-111	40.5	13-27	48.1	22	42.9	12.2	12.7	3.2	0.0	9
D. Miller	10	43-92	46.7	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
J. Owens	10	48-121	39.7	27-73	37.1	12-25	60.0	13.6	13.6	5.9	2.1	0.0
J. Gaudier	10	29-62	46.8	0-0	0-0	10-17	58.8	6.6	6.6	1.4	0.0	0.0
S. Wain	10	48-121	39.7	27-73	37.1	12-25	60.0	13.6	13.6	5.9	2.1	0.0
M. Stumpf	7	3-12	25.0	0-0	0-0	6-9	66.7	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.3	0.0
T. Smith	7	1-10	10.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
C. Williams	7	7-18	38.9	1-3	33.3	9-11	81.8	2.4	2.4	2.6	0.7	0.0
T. Carter	7	1-10	10.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
T. Baltz	5	5-7	71.4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.6	0.2	0.0
Totals	10	214-517	41.3	43-130	33.0	90-161	60.0	56.6	56.6	30.3	12.0	9.0

FGA includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

COLLINSVILLE BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (5-11)												
GP	FGA	FC%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TR	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	PF
M. Kuechle	16	6-28	21.4	0-0	0-0	11-18	61.1	23.1	23.1	2.3	1.2	30
C. Harrison	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
J. Williams	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
R. Rymer	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
S. Ashcroft	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
M. Nativ	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
D. Dougherty	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
N. Kimbrell	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
D. Moore	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
S. Stephens	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
J. Hearn	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
M. Parker	16	42-98	42.9	0-0	0-0	23-38	60.5	10.9	10.9	6.2	0.0	0.0
Totals	14	254-645	39.3	41-122	33.6	170-283	60.0	71.9	44.9	23.8	11.8	7.9

FGA includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

EEL LINCOLN BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (6-8)												
GP	FGA	FC%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TR	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	PF
T. Slater	14	96-154	62.3	0-0	0-0	31-44	70.5	22.3	15.9	9.3	0.8	1.6
K. Edwards	9	9-17	52.9	1-2	50.0	2-3	67.0	2.1	2.3	1.0	0.1	20
K. Gilmore	12	11-24	45.8	2-9	22.2	3-9	33.3	1.8	1.4	1.3	0.5	15
C. Powell	10	25-39	64.1	5-14	35.7	12-19	63.2	6.8	6.8	1.8	1.5	14
C. Brown	14	39-69	56.5	12-24	50.0	15-20	75.0	10.1	10.1	3.4	1.6	38
K. Green	14	79-124	63.7	0-0	0-0	16-39	41.0	17.2	13.1	11.0	0.4	0.6
R. Edwards	12	40-65	61.5	2-3	66.7	9-10	90.0	7.5	6.8	1.8	1.5	12
D. Watson	14	19-38	50.0	0-0	0-0	19-38	50.0	5.4	5.4	4.4	0.1	0.4
D. Hawkins	7	17-34	50.0	10-21	47.6	7-10	70.0	3.1	7.3	1.9	3.6	12
Totals	14	377-663	50.9	25-57	43.7	125-229	53.0	83.9	59.4	37.4	10.7	8.9

FGA includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

EDWARDSVILLE BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (12-2)												
GP	FGA	FC%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TR	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	PF
J. Harmon	13	31-49	63.3	5-17	29.4	5-8	62.5	5.0	4.2	1.9	0.0	6
J. Harris	14	69-120	57.5	0-0	0-0	36-53	67.9	10.4	13.6	1.1	0.9	7
J. Hutton	10	4-7	57.1	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	2
J. White	10	31-47	66.0	0-0	0-0	10-10	100.0	3.6	3.6	0.9	0.8	1
R. Stevens	13	30-40	75.0	0-0	0-0	24	50.0	8	8	0.8	0.2	0.1
D. Cowan	14	27-64	42.2	0-0	0-0	18-28	64.3	7.2	5.1	1.4	1.4	23
M. Allaria	14	15-55	27.3	7-17	41.2	13-19	68.4	4.8	4.1	2.7	7.6	2.9
J. White	9	1-5	20.0	0-0	0-0	1-5	20.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.3	1
J. Dougherty	14	111-200	55.5	40-89	44.9	31-36	86.1	20.0	20.0	9.1	3.7	12
B. Hutton	14	20-40	50.0	15-30	50.0	10-15	66.7	6.5	6.5	0.9	0.9	2.3
C. LaRose	12	17-28	60.7	0-0	0-0	9-9	100.0	3.2	3.2	2.4	0.1	0.2
Totals	14	306-657	46.9	73-220	33.2	145-199	72.9	84.4	59.6	32.4	18.7	9.3

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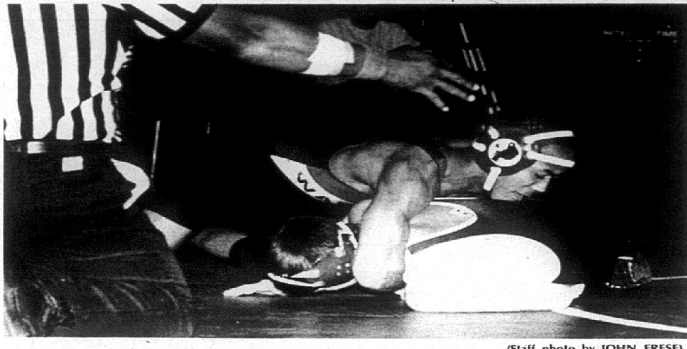
GRANITE CITY BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (8-7)												
GP	FGA	FC%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TR	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	PF
D. Brewer	11	79-143	55.3	0-0	0-0	27-44	61.4	18.1	7.3	2.7	0.8	0.3
R. Turk	11	17-33	51.5	0-0	0-0	7-18	38.9	4.7	4.7	2.8	0.4	0.3
T. Wallace	5	1-9	11.1	0-0	0-0	2-2	1.0	0.4	2.4	2.0	1.8	0.2
K. Briggs	13	50-119	42.0	29-73	39.7	33-66	80.3	18.1	13.9	3.4	1.6	37
R. Smith	13	90-186	48.4	6-29	20.7	32-59	54.2	14.3	14.3	3.2	1.3	30
J. Hoenig	13	33-54	61.1	0-0	0-0	7-14	50.0	6.9	5.3	2.8	1.2	0.4
M. Aulvery	13	33-54	61.1	0-0	0-0	7-14	50.0	6.9	5.3	2.8	1.2	0.4
Z. May	8	5-16	31.2	6-13	46.2	4-6	66.7	1.8	2.3	0.6	0.2	4
Totals	13	289-600	48.3	43-132	32.6	135-209	61.4	75.8	58.3	22.6	13.9	5.4

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Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

GCHS freshman Jessica Wallace drives past a defender.



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Mike Glover looks to turn over Collinsville's Bruce Kypka during a 119-pound match.

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Game 1: Taylorville (1), bye
Game 2: Civic Memorial (8) vs. Collinsville (9), 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: East St. Louis Lincoln (4) vs. Alton (13), 7:30 p.m.
Game 4: Edwardsville (5) vs. Cahokia (12), 7:30 p



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)
Venice sophomore Shondel Matkins (25) works for position as Columbia's Eric Niedbalski (50) and Ben Cocos defend.

•Devils

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at the buzzer, giving Venice a 16-15 edge.

Columbia erupted for 20 second-quarter points, 14 from the Pattons, doubling the score on Venice in the frame. By half-time, Ryan Patton had 16 points and brother Shawn had nine. Allen, with 12 first-half points, was the lone bright spot for the Devils.

The Eagles were up by 10 at the 3:10 mark of the third quarter when Venice made its move. Lindsey Weathers hit a pair of deuces and a pair of threes to draw the Devils within 45-42 with 1:05 left. Kyle Jones' long-range bomb ended the third-quarter scoring, putting Columbia up by six. Venice started the fourth quarter with a 12-6 spurt, capped off by Kevin Roberts' driving layup (his first points

of the night) — and the score was 64-41. Columbia went quickly up by three, but a Jammie Edwards score off an offensive rebound made it 69-58 and set the stage for the incredible final minute.

Shawn Patton hit one of two free throws with 1:01 remaining to put Columbia ahead 60-58. Weathers then missed two of three free throws at the 0:34 mark and Venice was again within one, 60-59. But Weathers' second miss was rebounded by players from both teams and the ensuing held ball gave Venice possession with 33 seconds to play.

With 18 ticks left, Matthews hit his 3-pointer from deep on the left side and the Red Devils had a 62-60 lead.

Columbia missed a shot and a Venice rebound was followed by a Shawn Patton foul. But Roberts missed the Devils'

11th free throw on the night, giving the Eagles one final chance with six seconds left. Shawn Patton's half-court bomb was slightly off target and the Red Devils survived.

Allen led Venice with 20 points and Edwards had 12. Both had key rebounds in the closing minutes.

"I can't say enough about Edwards and Allen down the stretch," Harris said. "They hit key shots and had some huge rebounds. Without those boards, we would never have won the game."

Weathers played a superb game, scoring 17 points, including 10 in the crucial third quarter. Matthews shot through 10 points, Roberts had two, and Shondel Matkins, who entered the game at 5:13 of the final frame to replace an injured Edwards and shoot his two free throws, had one point.

•Heuser

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ing. "I thought if these guys can do this, so can I," he said. "I always wanted a career in sports, and I knew that in auto racing, I could fulfill my dream."

Heuser and his wife Mary Margaret, who live in Florida with their son and daughter, liquidated their life savings and bought a race car. Rick Heuser then went to the Buck Baker Driving School and was one of only two drivers to graduate "race ready."

His first race was at the Michigan International Speedway in a car speeding along at 200 miles per hour.

"It is very unusual to start your career in the super car series," said Mary Margaret. "Usually, you have to work your way up over time. But Rick never raced the circuit track series. His first race was in a 3,400-pound car with a 780 horsepower motor."

"The word 'can't' just isn't in my vocabulary," Heuser said. "I knew from the very beginning that I could succeed. And I knew that I could win. You don't lose until you quit and I wasn't about to quit."

Heuser has been racing five or fewer races a year in order to preserve his rookie status and to be in the running for "Rookie of the Year" honors.

But 1997 marks a new beginning as the up-and-coming driver races at Daytona, Talladega, Atlanta, and 23 other locations. And with the opening of the new Gateway International track in St. Louis, Rick will be returning to the area on a regular basis each year.

The sport of stock car racing is difficult to enter. It requires

far more than simply being someone who can drive a car fast. Mostly, it requires money. And lots of it.

The bigger race teams pull in about \$5 million a year. And they need every bit of it, considering that the average team keeps about 12 cars and 25-35 motors on hand. Add in the expense of transporting the race car, maintaining tools and equipment, and paying the mechanics and team members, and the figures can go out the garage roof.

There is nothing "stock" about stock cars. They are highly sophisticated machines. And the only way to secure the funds necessary to enter and succeed in the racing world is to obtain sponsors.

Heuser has been fortunate to find sponsors so quickly. He recently signed with Radius Motor Sports out of Denver, N.C. And Quick Shine 99 is now his major sponsor. But Heuser's sponsor list even has a Granite City connection, as you will find a large "Pizza World" decal by his car's rear wheel.

Pizza World might want to consider some creative advertising. "So, you think holding a boxed pizza out his race car window with a caption reading, 'So, you think the other guys have fast delivery.'"

There are three races within the world of racing," Heuser said. "There is the race to get there, the race to get in the race, and the race to finish the race."

Heuser has accomplished the first two steps and is doing well on the third. He has finished over 90 percent of the races he has started. And finishing is the key to success on

the race car circuit.

A large measure of Heuser's success owes to his humility and his hunger to learn the sport. Unlike some newcomers who think they know it all, Heuser is anxious to learn what he doesn't know. He will ask other, more experienced racers, "How do you do this?" And he will listen to and follow their suggestions.

But those who know Rick Heuser from his Granite City days know that his successful climb up the ladder of stock car racing has not changed the man himself.

"Rick is a caring, giving person," his wife said. "He will take as much time with a 4-year-old in the parking lot as with the CEO of a major corporation."

Rick and Mary Margaret's first child, a son, was born with Down's Syndrome. It has made them both keenly aware of handicaps borne by others.

"Most people don't know the private side of Rick," Mary Margaret confided, "because it's not something he likes to talk about. But for years now Rick has worked in his spare time teaching people who have been handicapped through illness or accident to drive a car again."

"Several years ago," she continued, "he heard about a lady with handicapped children who needed a mechanical lift for her van. She was trying to get a loan to have a garage put the lift on. Rick went out and bought the lift and paid for it to be put on the van. That is a perfect example of the type of person he is."

It's hard to visit with Rick Heuser and not like the sport of racing.

It is even harder not to like Rick Heuser.

•Warriors

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Dougherty led the Tigers with 20 points, including four-of-10 shooting from 3-point range, and had six assists.

Edwardsville also got a big

game from 6-foot-6 junior Jon Harris and 6-5 junior Derek Cowan, who neutralized Granite's big bodies inside. Harris, who was eight of 11 from the field, finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, while Cowan hit five of eight shots and scored a career-high 12 points.

Dustin Brewer, a 6-5, 225-pound junior, led the Warriors

with 13 points, and Ray Smith, a 6-4 senior, added 11.

Edwardsville junior Jake Harmon came off the bench to score seven points in that 18-0 stretch that pulled the plug on the Warriors and repeated what Van Buskirk said is becoming a disturbing trend for his team.

"That's what we do against good teams and they're a very good team," Van Buskirk said. "They capitalized on all our mistakes. And when we fought back to get within nine, we made silly mistakes. You can't do that against a good team."

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Area students receive degrees

A total of 523 graduate students received advanced and professional degrees at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus. The degree recipients were recognized during spring commencement ceremonies held May 12 at the SIUC Arena.

Some 95 of the students earned degrees from SIUC's School of Law.

EDWARDSVILLE: Ted N. Gianaris, JD; Marilee Kuhrik, PhD; Nancy S. Kuhrik, PhD; June M. Tupper, PhD.

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SHILOH: Eileen D. Humphrey, MSW.

OKAWVILLE: Kathleen H. Drjessack, MSW.

TRENTON: Jennifer L. Boulanger, JD.

WATERLOO: Cory E. Easton, JD.

GCHS to host financial aid workshop

Granite City High School will host a financial aid workshop at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5. Information will be available regarding Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) financial aid programs, including grant programs, scholarship programs, loan programs and the free application for federal student aid.

Marian Smithson, director of

Granite City

financial aid from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will give an overview of the ISAC programs and the FAFSA. Mary Brown, financial aid counselor from Belleville Area College, will also be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19.

for individual appointments. Call the GCHS guidance department to make an appointment.

Information on college selection and financial assistance is also available by telephone the week of Feb. 5.

ISAC sponsors a financial aid/admissions help line, (800) 720-FAAM between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 5-9.

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Jessica Thomas
Thomas gaining
job experience

Jessica A. Thomas of Granite City is getting job experience while attending college through a career experience placement program at MacMurray College in Jacksonville.

Thomas, a junior majoring in English, is working at WYMG radio in Springfield during the January term.

"Career experience provides the opportunity for exposure to and experience in the professional world of business, industry or government," said Karen Engelbrecht, director of career development and placement at MacMurray.

The program is open to any student in good academic standing at the second semester sophomore level or higher.

Students in the program work for a participating career experience agency under the supervision of a faculty member, and can receive up to 12 semester hours of academic credit.

Thomas is the daughter of David and Patricia Thomas of Granite City. She graduated from Granite City High School in 1984.

Students honored

MELANIE GENSERT of Granite City has been offered a Presidential scholarship to Butler University in Indianapolis.

Gensert is currently a senior at Granite City High School.

RYAN ASHBY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ashby of Granite City, has been named to the dean's list at Harding University in Searcy, Ark.

To be eligible for the list, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and attempt at least 12 hours.

Ashby is a senior majoring in international studies.

RYAN NEAL REPP of Granite City received a bachelor of science degree in accounting during commencement at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 16.

TERRY PRATHER of Granite City was named to the fall semester dean's list at Oakland City University in Indiana.

It was the second time Prather earned the recognition.

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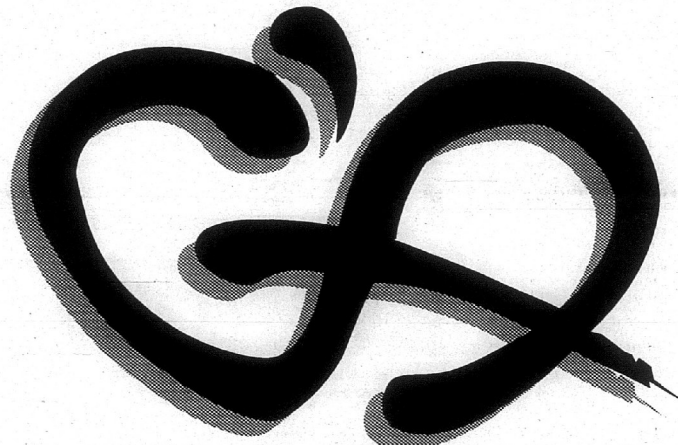
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Along with this form, please include a letter (not more than two pages) describing the outstanding qualities of the teacher being nominated, as well as other pertinent information. Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, February 19, 1987. Nominated teachers will be contacted for additional information. Please bring your nomination to the St. Clair Square Management Office or mail to:

The Golden Apple Awards
St. Clair Square
134 St. Clair Square
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

*Nominations by students are restricted to the teachers students have had in previous years and not during the 1986-1987 school year.

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Sight-impaired GCC student honored

DIANE TURNER, a student at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, has been honored for her perseverance in obtaining an education despite two eye operations in the past two years.

Turner, 42, of Granite City, recently received a Certificate of Accomplishment at a luncheon given by the Madison County Workforce Development Board.

The board oversees the Madison County Job Training and Partnership Act (JTFA) Program, of which Turner is a

member.

"Diane and eight or nine others were nominated earlier this year for a statewide award. And even though none of them were honored at the state level, we wanted to take the opportunity to recognize them at the local level," said Bill Hanke, acting program administrator for the Madison County Employment and Training Department.

Turner is one year away from earning a certificate in secretarial science and a degree in word processing at

the Granite City Campus, despite having undergone a cornea transplant on each eye since December 1994.

Both transplants were done at the Anheuser-Busch Eye Institute at St. Louis University.

Four years ago, Turner was diagnosed with macular corneal dystrophy, a rare eye disease that, without treatment, can lead to blindness.

In addition to maintaining a grade point average high enough to be inducted into Alpha Kappa Rho, the GCC chapter of the international

honor society Phi Theta Kappa, Turner also works in the GCC Special Services Department.

"My duties include secretarial functions as well as reading to students with visual impairments and helping students with writing assignments," Turner said.

"I also compile ASSET test scores into a data base."

Turner is undecided about her plans upon graduation. "I'd like to find a job but I'm thinking about going to SIU-Edwardsville."



Shannon Stapleton and Superintendent Steve Balen

Stapleton named 'Outstanding Student'

SHANNON STAPLETON was honored by the Granite City School Board on Oct. 22.

She received a certificate of recognition as an outstanding student at Grigsby Middle School and was honored her for her achievement in being

named the Illinois State Winner in Bible drill competitions. Stapleton is the daughter of Mary and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City and the granddaughter of Dr. Bob and Peggy Jones of Granite City and George and Helen Stapleton of Marion.

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By the way, the average date of the last spring freeze in this area is April 2.

Crop	Indoor Seeding Date	Plant Outdoors
Spring Vegetables		
Broccoli	1-8	2-26
Brussels Sprouts	1-8	2-26
Cabbage	1-8	3-4
Cauliflower	3-25-4-8	4-15
Eggplant	2-5-2-12	4-15
Kale	1-8	2-26
Lettuce	2-5	3-4
Muskmelon	4-1	4-22
Onion, seeds	1-22	3-4
Pepper	2-5-2-12	4-15
Summer Squash	3-18	4-1
Swiss Chard	2-12	3-11
Tomato	2-5-2-12	4-1

Annuals (Plant outdoors any time after April 2)

Ageratum	2-5-2-19
China Pink	2-5-2-19
Coleus	1-8-1-22
Dahlia	1-8-1-22
Dusty Miller	2-5
Flowering Tobacco	2-19-3-4
Geranium	2-5
Impatiens	1-15-1-29
Lobelia	1-8-1-22
Marigold	2-21
Petunia	1-15-1-29
Portulaca	2-5-2-19
Salvia	2-19-3-4
Snapdragon	2-5-2-19
Statice	2-5
Sweet Alyssum	2-19-3-4
Verbena	1-8
Vinca (Periwinkle)	1-8
Zinnia	2-19-3-4

If this information looks slightly familiar, it's almost identical to last year's. We've adjusted the dates, however... can't forget that last year was a Leap Year!

Here's what you'll need and how to go about starting seeds indoors.

What type of container can you use? Just about

anything goes here. The only requirements are that it be at least three inches deep and have drainage holes. Trays, clay pots, peat pots, plastic pots... the list goes on.

If the container you select doesn't have drainage holes, make your own. One word of caution on containers, though. If you're using an old one, thoroughly clean it first with a weak solution of household bleach and water, then rinse it well. Does a number on any plant diseases that may be hiding.

Don't use soil from the garden for seed starting. If the ground's frozen, it'll be too tough to get anyway. A better reason for not using it is that it often contains harmful organisms. Use a peat-based potting mix instead. It's readily available at Frank's.

Fill the container to within a half-inch of the rim with the moist planting mix. Sow the seeds evenly, in rows if possible, and at the depth specified on the seed packet. If the packet doesn't give a recommended depth, plant them twice as deep as they are wide.

Don't scrimp on the seeds! Sow more than you think you'll need. There's a better than average chance that some of them won't germinate, and others may not make it past the seedling stage. Besides, if you buy seeds at Frank's, they're very inexpensive.

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Cahokia Goodwill Career Center, 1040 Camp Jackson Road
Register Monday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m., Career Center Lobby
Class meets daily, 9 a.m.-12:50 p.m., until March 7.

Centerville City Hall, 5800 Bond Ave.
Register Monday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m., City Hall Lobby
Class meets daily 11 a.m.-2:50 p.m., until March 7.

Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road
Register Monday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m., Cafeteria
Class meets daily, 9 a.m.-12:50 p.m., until March 7.

Cahokia Library, 140 Cahokia Park Drive
Register Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m., Staff Meeting Room
Class meets 1:15-3:45 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until April 10.

Franklin Neighborhood Association, 308 N. Second Blvd.
Register Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., Association Meeting Room
Class meets 10 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until April 9.

Granite City Head Start, 2100 Edison Ave.
Register Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m., Parent Meeting Room
Class meets 1:30-3:30 p.m., Tues. & Wed., until April 9.

NIGHT CLASSES

New Athens High School, Hanft & Belsh
Register Monday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m., Room 101
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Mon. & Wed., until April 9.

Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road
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Dupo High School, 600 Louisa Drive
Register Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., Room 101
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until April 8.

Highland Junior High School, 1800 Lindenthal Road
Register Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., Room 218
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Kretzner Elementary School, 9000 College Road
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Waterloo High School, 200 Bellefontaine Drive
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Earthgrains puts Granite City Campus to (taste) test

The Earthgrains Co. is putting its money in the mouths of students and staff at Belleville Area College's Granite City campus.

Earthgrains, a St. Louis-based manufacturer of fresh-baked goods and refrigerated dough products, has chosen the campus as a taste-test site for its products. Earthgrains chose the GCC because of its demo-

graphics and because of the great reputation of BAC's hospitality and food service program, said Elizabeth Reim, nutrition and sensory coordinator for Earthgrains.

"The population that we have here meets the demographic criteria needed for taste panels," said Jim Beaver, an adjunct instructor in BAC's hospitality and food ser-

vice program, who has been hired by Earthgrains to coordinate the logistics of the test panels at the GCC. BAC students range in age from 18 to persons in their 80s, with the average age being 31. Earthgrains has conducted taste-test panels at the GCC on a weekly basis since November. The company would like to expand its testing to three

days a week during the spring semester, Reim said. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 11. Beaver said each taste panel consists of about 50 people.

"The number of taste panels that we do depends upon the request from research and development or marketing persons," he said.

When taste testing bread or other items, panelists are giv-

ing two to four samples depending on the test design, Beaver said. Panelists are asked to judge the samples on several attributes, including aroma, taste and texture.

The agreement between Earthgrains and BAC has been mutually beneficial. In exchange for the college providing space and participants for its test panels, Earthgrains

has donated two large ovens, each worth about \$3,500, to the college's food service program, Beaver said. He added that there are plans for Earthgrains representatives to speak to food service classes during the spring semester.

For more information on BAC's food service program, call the Granite City campus at (618) 931-0600.

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The Childbirth Refresher Class is designed to give experienced parents updated information about the latest trends in labor, delivery and newborn care. Limited to those who will deliver at Memorial, this class is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. \$5 per couple fee. For more information, call 257-5855.

Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Class

This class addresses questions about vaginal births after cesarean (VBAC) and why VBAC's can be safer than repeat cesarean deliveries for both mother and baby. You also will learn how to maximize your chances of having a vaginal birth. Class meets 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It is free to those attending Prepared Childbirth or Refresher Classes (we strongly recommend attending these as well) or \$5 fee per couple if not taking these classes. Call 257-5855 to register.

Baby Care and Parenting Classes

This two-session program teaches you how to care for, play with and protect your infant from birth to age 12 months. Topics presented include: newborn care, infant feeding, baby bathing, when to call the

doctor, home and toy safety, returning to work, finding a good babysitter and traveling with baby. Held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third and fourth Wednesday of every month, this class has a \$5 per couple fee. Call 257-5855 to register.

Sibling Class

Memorial Maternity Center offers a Sibling Class to make it easier for big brothers and sisters to prepare for and accept a new baby. This class is designed for children ages 3 through 12 and meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Limited to children whose sibling will be born at Memorial Maternity Center. \$2 per child fee. Class size is limited and reservations are requested. Call 257-5855.

New Family Night

Once you have a baby, take time for an informal evening out. Meet with other new parents and a registered nurse to discuss

parenting concerns and have questions answered. Held 7-8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Infants welcome; \$5 per couple. Call 257-5855 to register.

Prenatal Breastfeeding Class

This class is designed to provide vital information to those who are considering breastfeeding their baby. The class meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. This class has a \$5 fee per couple. Both parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 257-5855.

Breastfeeding Help for New Mothers

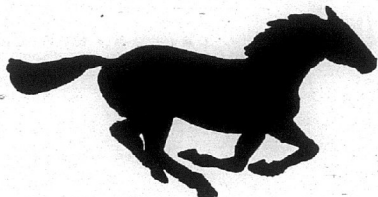
This service addresses concerns you may have about breastfeeding after you are discharged from the hospital. Information and support will be provided for those crucial early days and weeks of nursing a newborn. There is no fee for this service. Call 257-5855 to talk with a nurse or to arrange a help session.



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SPORTS

•Guffey

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soccer for GCHS. But as a junior, he gave up the Steelers and soccer to focus on high school hockey and baseball.

He has played varsity hockey for four years but truly came into his own as a junior. Guffey led Tier II in scoring last year and helped lead the Warriors to the Mid-States championship game. But he broke his ankle and did not get to play for the championship.

"It was one of the toughest times of my life," he said. "I had worked so hard to get there, and then, I couldn't play. It was hard."

Things have been difficult this season since the Warriors have moved up a tier where the competition is tougher and play is more intense.

"My goal this year has been to succeed at Tier I," Guffey said.

And he has done just that. Part of Guffey's success is due to his strong work ethic.

"He is a hard worker," Granite City coach Rick Hodge said. "His speed, strength, determination and competitiveness, combined with his work ethic, make him a player for whom the best players in Tier I."

"I worked hard on conditioning all summer," Guffey explained. "I worked mostly on my legs. That is the key function of hockey. Upper body strength is overrated, but you have to have strong legs."

"Coach Hodge put a lot of stress on knee bends and conditioning at the beginning of the year. In fact, the first three weeks we didn't work on hockey at all. We simply worked on skating and strength, the two key factors in hockey. But the result is that I have never been in this good of shape in a hockey season. It has made a difference."

Especially so in Tier I, where the teams are much quicker and stronger than those in Tier I.

"Mikal is our captain and team leader," Hodge said. "He's not so much a leader in words as in work. He leads by example game in and game out."

"I've been vocal sometimes," Guffey said. "Six or seven games into the season, when we were playing so poorly, I said some things to the team that needed to be said. I told the coach that was my responsibility as the captain."

Whatever he said worked, as from that point on the Warriors' level of play improved significantly.

Guffey doesn't want to be a typical senior who says at the end of the hockey season, "I've played my last game of hockey." He has been accepted to play hockey at Bradley University in Peoria.

Hockey

Mid-States Club Hockey Association

Standings (As of Jan. 29)

Tier I

Division A

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
CDC	10-0-0	30	132	27
DeSmet	18-2-0	36	148	34
Vianney	10-7-2	25	100	69
Chaminade	9-9-2	22	84	63
SLUH	4-13-2	12	58	82
St. Mary's	3-15-3	9	41	120

Division B

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Oakville	15-2-2	30	103	40
Kirkwood	13-6-1	27	83	67
Parkway Central	12-7-1	25	100	65
Webster Groves	11-8-2	24	83	56
Parkway South	8-8-3	19	52	63
Parkway West	3-13-4	10	38	65

Division C

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Howell North	13-4-4	30	107	78
Haz. Central	14-8-1	29	74	67
Ladue	8-10-3	19	68	78
Francis Howell	7-9-5	19	58	63
Granite City	8-10-2	18	66	91
Whitfield	3-17-2	8	61	148

Division D

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Summit	14-7-1	29	93	84
Fox	10-8-2	22	95	86
Parkway North	8-12-3	15	72	85
Marquette	6-13-2	14	85	96
Lafayette	3-15-3	9	56	113
Mehlville	2-17-0	4	38	109

Tier II

Division E

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
John Burroughs	15-5-0	30	93	54
Clayton	16-3-4	33	131	67
FL Zumwalt North	11-7-2	24	87	68
MIGDS	11-7-2	24	78	102
St. Charles West	8-13-1	19	43	63
FL Zumwalt South	5-15-0	10	58	102
St. Charles	1-15-2	4	65	136

Division F

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Lindbergh	18-4-1	33	128	52
McCluer	18-3-4	33	131	67
Hazelwood East	14-8-0	28	145	60
Pattonville	11-7-2	24	70	77
Lutheran South	8-10-2	18	72	78
McCluer North	5-16-0	10	38	111
Hazelwood West	4-15-0	8	45	105

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•Art

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the second semester of that year and the last I heard was employed somewhere in Florida with his freshman season now a distant memory.

NET NOTE: Too often at the Belleville East Invitational I heard how the 35-second shot clock was not a factor.

Yet, consider a recent game in Chicago, where Peoria Manual edged Detroit Country Day, 49-45, before 4,500 fans at DePaul's Alumni Hall.

Without its 6-foot-8 injured center, the two-time Michigan state champions did what a

shot clock will help prevent — bringing stalling nonsense to a paying crowd.

Said Manual point guard Sergio McClain: "In the beginning of the game, one of their players put up a shot and his teammate yelled, 'We're supposed to make eight passes before we shoot.' I knew it was going to be one of those games."

In the same Loop Festival, Chicago Young ripped Rufus King, the No. 1 Wisconsin prep team, 79-53. Young is a candidate for the 1997 St. Louis Shootout, since four of its starters are juniors, including 6-5 Quentin Richardson.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Granite City sophomore guard Jan Shanafelt leans in for a shot.

SWC basketball

ALTON GIRLS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (3-14)												
	GP	FGA	FG%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TP	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Sf.
J. Gerhardt	9	3-12	25.0	0	0.0	2-3	66.7	17	1.9	1.1	0.0	0.3
R. Hickman	23	35-147	23.8	3-17	17.6	20-32	62.5	128	5.5	2.3	8.2	4.1
R. Henry	9	13-37	35.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	31-43	3.5	0.0	0.0	1.3
R. Madson	17	21-41	51.2	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	7-15	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.6
D. Mitchell	17	42-148	28.4	0-0	0.0	29-34	85.3	117	6.9	3.8	1.8	0.6
B. Kennedy	17	21-41	51.2	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	20-28	3.1	1.8	0.7	1.4
E. Thurston	12	8-30	26.7	0-0	0.0	3-4	75.0	15	1.3	3.1	0.7	0.4
B. Hill	13	15-50	30.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	5-11	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
M. Edwards	14	25-100	25.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0	6	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.5
S. Fitcher	11	30-48	62.5	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-14	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
L. Holman	18	25-10	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	14-32	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1
S. Fitcher	11	30-48	62.5	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-14	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Totals	17	200-905	22.4	0-0	0.0	27	135-228	47.5	764	44.9	29.9	8.6

PG-A includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

BELLVILLE EAST GIRLS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (17-3)												
	GP	FGA	FG%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TP	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Sf.
N. Bennett	19	97-192	50.5	1-10	10.0	20-32	62.5	128	6.7	2.3	8.2	4.1
C. Dace	14	3-12	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
E. Carroll	14	2-1	20.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A. Saep	19	41-99	41.4	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	1.0	1.6	0.4	0.1
L. Prierson	19	30-67	44.8	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	18-21	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.1
L. Jackson	17	119-201	59.2	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	75-115	6.1	1.0	0.7	0.6
B. Fournier	19	25-78	31.3	1-12	8.3	12-21	57.1	33	1.8	3.9	0.6	0.2
A. Suppe	19	56-72	77.8	1-1	100.0	27-34	79.4	128	6.7	2.3	8.2	4.1
A. Darr	18	35-50	70.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	5-18	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
A. Jackson	11	6-10	60.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	19	486-840	54.5	3-29	10.3	341-381	89.5	1160	61.1	29.1	10.7	13.2

PG-A includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

BELLVILLE WEST GIRLS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (9-8)												
	GP	FGA	FG%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TP	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Sf.
D. Lawry	21	97-192	50.5	1-10	10.0	20-32	62.5	128	6.7	2.3	8.2	4.1
K. Kraus	15	16-39	41.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A. Dow	21	26-58	44.8	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
L. Blockum	13	16-35	45.7	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
N. Schaefer	13	16-35	45.7	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
S. Meland	13	16-35	45.7	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Frederick	18	22-44	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
E. Radley	18	22-44	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
C. Bels	17	27-70	38.6	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
D. Delaney	17	27-70	38.6	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A. Schaff	12	29-64	45.3	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	17	297-424	47.6	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

PG-A includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

COLLINSVILLE GIRLS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (8-14)												
	GP	FGA	FG%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TP	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Sf.
E. Hester	21	26-78	33.3	11-37	29.7	12-25	48.0	75	3.6	1.2	1.1	0.4
A. Dow	21	26-78	33.3	11-37	29.7	12-25	48.0	75	3.6	1.2	1.1	0.4
L. Krupp	22	25-52	48.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
J. Harbison	21	25-52	48.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A. Norbury	14	1-18	5.6	1-13	7.7	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vogelbein	20	3-37	8.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stapenfeldt	20	4-28	14.3	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A. Farber	22	45-126	35.7	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A. Loftus	6	7-13	53.8	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A. Long	18	18-35	51.4	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
L. Norbury	6	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
D. Delaney	6	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	12	325-887	36.6	31-152	20.4	159-263	60.5	440	38.2	23.4	10.3	5.7

PG-A includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

D. Dejeans	5	38	37.5	61	00.0	01	00.0	6	1.2	0.0	0.0	6
Totals	22	325	38.7	31-152	20.4	159-263	60.5	640	38.2	24.3	0.5	314

FG-A includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts.
Per-game-played averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.

SEL LINCOLN GIRLS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (11-3)													
	GP	FGA	FG%	3 PT	3PT%	FTA	FT%	TP	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	Sf.	
L. Eckford	14	38-81	46.4	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	20-37	54.1	52	6	8	0.7
M. Pirelli	14	38-81	46.4	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	20-37	54.1	52	6	8	0.7
T. Spencer	20	8-20	40.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	11-24	36.4	20	1	3	0.2
S. Hill	7	3-13	23.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4-10	40.0	4	0	0	0.0
K. Walker	17	15-39	38.5	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	9-14	64.3	2	0	0	0.4
A. Tucker	14	49-107	45.8	1-10	10.0	0-0	0.0	42-87	48.3	25	1	2	0.5
T. Dean	14	24-58	41.4	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	19-21	90.5	10	0	0	0.0
R. Adams	14	94-184	51.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
K. Cole	14	94-184	51.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
K. McCray	3	3-16	18.8	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	14	341-882	38.7	1-12	8.3	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0